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SUBJECT: BEIRUT EVACUATION: MEETING VITH PLO SECURITY OFFICIAL

REF: BEIRUT 6578

1. AFTER 40-MINUTE SPIEL IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OF PLO LEADERSHIP OVER EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE, ABU JAAFAR INFORMED RSO THAT NABATIYA ROUTE CONTINUES TO BE UNSAFE BUT THAT EITHER AIR EVACUATION (OR SEA EVACUATION) IS SATISFACTORY TO PLO. RSO INDICATED THAT WE HAD SELECTED SEA EVACUATION. ABU JAAFAR EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR WEDNESDAY EVACUATION, BUT AGREED WHEN WE INSISTED ON TUESDAY.

2. IN EXPRESSING UNHAPPINESS ABOUT EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE, ABU JAAFAR CLAIMED THAT ARAFAT, REPRESENTING MODERATE PLO LEADERSHIP, HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY HARMED BY WASHINGTON POST PIECE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD MAKE PUBLIC STATEMENT DENYING THAT PLO WAS HOLDING US HOSTAGE.
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